

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4602

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madame Speaker:

As the Representative of a district that is home to the largest community of military personnel and veterans anywhere in the country, I write to request that substantial funding for military construction projects be included in the upcoming economic recovery package.

Military construction is a key component of both our national security and our national economy. Every dollar spent on military infrastructure supports not one but two family wage jobs – providing for both the workers who plan, design, and build the structure, as well as the military personnel that it supports. In this way, military construction projects will continue to have a positive economic impact long after the actual construction work has been completed.

The safety of our military personnel and support staff must also be a top concern. Since 2001, more than a dozen military personnel have been injured, more than five have been killed, and 283 fires have been ignited because of faulty electrical wiring on U.S. military bases. This is simply unacceptable, and we owe it to all those in harm's way to provide them with safe housing and state of the art military infrastructure. Increased military construction funds are critical to addressing this issue.

As I am sure you agree, the men and women who serve our country in uniform deserve the best facilities and resources that we can provide, and now the Congress has an opportunity to support our troops even as we work to bolster the economy.

I look forward to working with you on this request in the 111th Congress, and to address the challenges facing our nation.

Sincerely,



Glenn Nye
Member of Congress